

Milwaukee County

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READY TO WORK INITIATIVE BACK ON TRACK

Supervisors override County Executive Abele's veto of plan to create up to 1,000 jobs

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Eyon Biddle, Sr., and Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., released the following joint statement after the County Board voted 14-5 to override County Executive Chris Abele's veto of the <u>Biddle-Lipscomb Ready to Work Initiative</u>:

"Today's vote showed two things: how much our esteemed colleagues are in tune with the needs of the constituents who elected them, and how much our County Executive is out of touch with the constituents who elected him. The County Executive played Russian roulette with the lives of those out of work in Milwaukee County. In light of a depressed economy and staggering unemployment, County Supervisors have shown that they are not interested in playing the County Executive's game," Supervisors Biddle and Lipscomb said.

"We thank Board Chairman Lee Holloway and the other members of this Board who voted to put the people of Milwaukee County back to work. With today's vote, the County Board and the people of Milwaukee County have won. Even though we overwhelmingly overrode his veto 14-5, we look forward to working with the County Executive to train unemployed people and put them back to work. We believe he understands that this program would be beneficial."

Supervisor Biddle added, "Even though I found the veto to be especially disgusting, I look forward to working with our dear County Executive on this important initiative."